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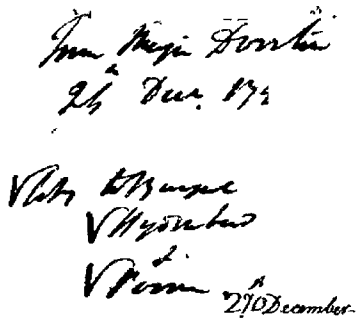
Short Abstract of the Present Political State of the Peninsula
& Madras Aug.st 5th 1797.

The Intention of this Abstract is to take as Concise a view as possible of the present Actual State of the Native Powers in India, without any Reference to past Occurrences and to Conclude with such remarks as arise from the Relation.

It is impossible to speak with Certainty regarding Shaw Shaw can be little doubt that he still holds the Intention of invading Hindostan, and that he means to advance from Peshawer to Lahore. The Sikhs who have recovered Amritsir after a successful Action with one of the Generals of that Prince, will attempt to oppose his Progress. If Shaw Shaw can be Content with harassing his Army they certainly do not Exceed him in Courage but they are unequal to meet him in Battle. From Lahore to Delhi there is nothing to oppose his Army if he should reach the latter Capital whatever his Intentions are the English must have an Army Assembled on the Jumna.

At Poonah a settlement has taken Place lately between the Minister and Three fourths of the Hurlah Grants are restored to Nana & three fourths of the Chout of Baden remitted. The Fort of Dhulatabad is also to be made over to His Highness Himmut Behadur & Aurungabad to Rugoba Bhonsla. Although some time has elapsed since the Conclusion of this Treaty the Troops of the Peishwa are yet in possession of those two

Rugoba Bhonsla has left Poonah and Mr Wichelo for Nagpoor. The disputes are still high between Scindiah, Holkar & Jeswunt Purnawese. The Troops of the former guard the



Monsieur Raymond who now Commands fourteen thousand disciplined Troops had also from being a Favorite become an Object of his Jealousy. He had to increase his Influence determined to raise a Revolt, and with this Intention had received into his Service from the Pashwahs Army Eight with a Corps of 2000 Men. Raymond Power required that more delicacy than appears to have been observed should be used on an Attempt to upset it. On the first Count that the French Commander made to Azeem ul Omrah after his return the Latter told him there was a necessity for reducing the Numbers of his Corps. Raymond said he was ready to quit the Service and soon after received. He received a Message that day from the Nizam that he was to consider himself in future unconnected with Azeem ul Omrah and to transact all his Business with the Durbar through Anjadad Mulk. to open a Mark of the Nizams Displeasure made the Minister very uneasy, & this was considerably increased by a Message he received a few days afterwards which directed that on a Contribution which he proposed raising of one Crore of Rupees he should levy nothing of Shums ul Omrah Nizam ul Mulk, Seam Raj Gowroos Nizam. These Exceptions appear to have been the most unpopular Measure being first on effect

On the 17th instant. The Nizam sent again to the Minister desiring that he would refrain from taking any Steps to the Reproach of Seam Raj Shums ul Omrah or Nizam ul Mulk. Seam Raj he said from early Infancy had been a Protegee of the Throne, & must not be injured. All doubts arose on the examination of the papers he told Nizam was ready to Answer and to settle Matters between the Parties. The Father of Shums ul Omrah His Highness said was averse to marry after the Life of his first Wife. He had taken a decision at the express desire of his Prince, Nizam had Esteem him as his Son who was yet Young and not fully regarded by the Nizam whom one of his own Immediate Descendants, if as to Nizam ul Mulk he was the real Guard of the Throne and entitled to no other Security. An Injury to him was an Attack on the

The strong and decided conduct of the Nizam astonished the Minister who sends a formidable party against him which he expected to be absolute & probable Consequences. [illegible] hereafter and leave at present the Nizam for Shiper [illegible] the Month has been very fortunate

Runjeet Sing, Jana has tried every policy to endeavour Scindea
remove them but he stands on vain; every he would by giving the
Restitution of the Person of the Peishwah Make him all prompt nothing
will ever oblige Scindeah to the Step except the positive Menace of
Zemaun Shaw.—

At present there is little Communication between Scindeah and the
Peishwah. the former it is thought Meditates some deep design to
Reestablish his Authority he is supported by the whole Brahmen
Interest. Scindeah has few Friends independant of his own Army
Which is however strong and united.—

It is thought that there was some secret Negotiation with
Azeem al Omrah immediately before he left Poonah (which was
Occasion the Nizams Army & take the Field) when the Rains are
over.— That he Minister has pledged himself to support one Interest
or another there can be little doubt. It must ever be his Policy
to incline More to a Connection with Scindeah than Nagpore
however at present his own Footing is too insecure to allow of his
Fomenting of others.—

When he returned to Hydrabad he was received in the
Most Warm Manner by his Sovereign but the part he had to act
was delicate. his Enemies were numerous, and the Nizam Anxious
By Conciliating Conduct, by Moderation, & by smothering his Resent-
-ment. If he could not forgive, he might have in a short Period
so fully established his Authority as to have been able to do what
he pleased, such a Conduct was to be expected from Azeem al Omrah
but he has Acted very differently and has given his Enemies by
his intemperance a serious Advantage.—

The first Objects of his Resentment were Siam Raj
Ranjeid and Mauck the Designer of the former who had long been
at the Head of the Exchequer it was conceived certain his Station
was to be filled by Ragunat Ram Row a Dependant of the
Ministers whom he had employed on all his Negotiations at
Poonah, as a previous Step to this Ragunat Ram Row was Appoin-
-ted to Audit the Revenue Accounts of the Country for the three
Years the Minister had been Absent.—

before Effendi to observe

The Division of the Court of Lagore in the year 1806 as it broke the strength of that Government, and encouraged a part of the English losing that Influence which they have maintained at that Durbar, and which it is to be hoped they ever should Continue — The Rebellion of Ageem at Iman Ghur will be hoped will end the Civil Commotions. Some of the Opposite Leaders are remarkable for their Talents but they are powerful, and Command the most Efficient, though not the most numerous part of the Afgaun Army. Besides these is desperate, they have nothing to expect but Oppression, for the Monster, when all powerful, and this reflection might drive them to desperate lengths —

While has been the policy of the Afgaun Name to ascend the Throne and to strengthen himself by the Factions of his Court which he has always Cherished, but he is now on a State little short of Dotage and can not preserve the same Conduct he formerly did — His Faculties both of Mind and Body are to be compared He must be in the hands of one or other of the two parties a short period will determine which. The contention would occasion much trouble in the event of his Death and foreign interference would certainly probably be courted —

The Sultans Politics deserve at this Moment Particular Attention According to the best Accounts the following is the position of his Force. His Army lying near Candahar — consisting of about 25000 Horse & Infantry, 18 Battering Cannon & 32 Field Pieces — The Detachment lately marched of 10000 Horse, Infantry, 5 Battering Guns & 12 Field Pieces — Then are all certainly on the Field, & they are sufficient to give alarm. It is given out that the Detachment lately Marched to the Northward is to quench a rebellious Tributary. He has no Enemy in that Quarter that can raise five thousand Men Except the Force under Syed Ghaffer who have long been Idle at Ghuzny sufficient to keep all such in awe When the two Detachments join they will Consist

The Army was lately assembled at Seringapatam &c &c
imagined to celebrate the Mohurrum Feast but after this
over instead of dispersing all the Elephants and Gun Bullocks
were brought together & the Army Moved to the Cavery at
under which they encamped and Military Stores of all descrip-
-tion, and in great abundance, were sent from the Fort to Camp
Two months ago a party of about 1000 with a large proportion
of Artillery left the Mamboly and were by the East Coast
Seringapatam The Detachment is to be Commanded by Cam-
Dean who has not yet joined, the destination is to the Southern
probably to join Hyder Ghaffer but with what intentions not
known — The Sultan is expected to follow as far as Tiruvalore
with the remainder of his Army. Report has been Busy lately
in giving him a Reinforcement of French but certain Intelligence
of this has been received —

The following Remarks arise from this Statement

If Zemaun Shaw Advances the well Affairs lately
the attention of the English in Bengal, and Sindeah &c
in such Case would Both & Afgrid his Opponents would
to come to a settlement with Nana, which he at present
inclined to do — There does not appear to be at Present
dread of the Shaw Invasion or they certainly would have
some Preparations to guard against an event which
at the very Existence of their Empire —

Many Circumstances lead to us to suppose that
an understanding between Nana Phurnuvees and Tippoo
that the former would be more inclined to see them
any Attempt of the latter against the Nizam than
there is no Friendship though a temporary Settlement of
future —

It has been often Conjectured that Gooty was to be
up by the Sultan to Sure Bommarauze a Descendant of
Vijeyanagar the Ancient Rajahs and that the Govern-
Poonah Mysore for this Object had inclined Tippoo to
to say to aid his designs of Reattachment
Territories This Report as of an old date but the
respecting Affairs Calls us to give it more Attention than

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Secretary's Office

To Josiah Webb Esqr
Secretary to the Government

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my Patrols returned this morning from Senafe Teclam which they left on the 6th inst. They inform me that the Guns and carriages in camp near the Mareb below had reached in the same position as formerly reported. - no movement had taken place. - The Horse had detached on different villages in the vicinity for the convenience of forage. - Boy of the Guns which were lying near the Carriages, & their carriages have been mounted thereon, and carried to Camp. -

I have &c

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in Mysore of 22000 & Commander Dewan Khan is a Chief who Tippoo never employs but on an Emergency as he is extremely Jealous of his Infantry with the Army by whom he is literally Surrounded.

Reports from Mysore State, & not without much probability that this Force is sent to the Frontier to execute a plan which has long formed in Conjunction with the Mahratta that will restore Carnac to the Sultan. That we shall Break over in the Morgam as he cannot be expected to yield that Province peaceably.

A very general Rumour has lately prevailed in his Country that a Party of French had landed at Mangalore, that Men were expected, and on their Arrival the Sultan was to invade our Territories. The Landing of any Party of French at Mangalore unknown at Calicut, or Tellicherry, soon afterwards I deem impossible and no Information of such occurrence has been received from that Quarter this report therefore deserves little credit.

There have been several French Men at Seringapatam and they have endeavored to persuade the Sultan that such war would be rendered, in Hopes of a Rupture between England & France with us, but though there is little doubt if any Force be actually landed he would cooperate with pleasure, yet it is generally certain that it is experienced to trust their vague Promises.

Tippoo Sahib is to have an understanding with the Discontented at Hydrabad & whenever Intentions are directed against us, every power and influence that Raymond possesses will be exerted to favor his Schemes.

John Malcolm

Resident Sadras

Wm Lumsden

Secret Department.

To Josiah Webb Esqre
Secretary to the Government

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my Guides arrived in the morning from Senegambia which they left on the 6th inst.

They inform me that the Foulahs are preparing to cause disturbances in Woolee Tenda and Medina as the season for the annual invasion as formerly reported. — two monuments had taken place. — The Horse and Bullocks of different villages in the vicinity for the convenience of forage. —

— Six of the Guns which were lying near the Barracks, & three carriages have been mounted thereon, and carried to Barrack. —

I am Sir
Your most
Obedient Servant
Portuguese

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[illegible] of 1798 of Comm[illegible] Dear Khan : - Chief of the Rajpoo is never employed but on an Emergency & is extremely jealous of his [illegible] with the Army by whom he is detested Sahib -

Reports from Poona state, that Gunput Rao had for reliable [illegible] the Peshwa sent to the Frontier to examine after those that has long formed in Conjunction with the Berarbahs Chief with whom Cornac & the Sultan, that is to Crush him on his Return as he cannot be expected to yield the Peshwa unreasonable -

A very general Rumour has lately prevailed on this Coast, that a Body of French had landed at Mangalore, Such were have expected, and on their Arrival the Sultan was to invade our Territories - The Landing of any Party of French at Mangalore cannot be true being known at Calicut, or Tellicherry, soon afterwards I almost impossible and no Information of such occurrence has been received from that Quarter by this report therefore deserves little credit -

Purchased on several French men at Seringapatam, a Town and they have endeavored to persuade the Sultan that such an invasion should be undertaken, in spite of weakening Circumstances at this time, but though there is little doubt if any Force actually landed he would endeavour to distress, yet it is supposed Cochin Kerala entertained to trust their vague Assurances -

It should be known understanding with the Nizam's Minister at Hyderabad & otherwise his intentions are directed against us, every prevent and influence that Raymond & his Corps will be obtained to favour his Schemes -

John Malcolm

Persian Interpreter

and Secretary

Portuguese of Goa have attacked & plundered Sadashee-Gur. —

- No account, my people say, had reached Seringapatam of hostilities having been actually commenced by the Mahrattas or Portuguese against the Sircar near Goa.

I have the honor &c &c

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

C Boddam

Mysore
12th Augt 1797

My Lord

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A Moorman residing in this place
who is a connection of Candee Caun Khanoo
one of Tippoo Sultaun's Sirdars has agreed to procure
intelligence occasionally through his friend
Candee Caun — Yesterday one of his servants
returned — who reports his having left the
Sultaun's Army at Soonoor on the 27th
of last month — He says that Summan-
ul-Deen had advanced with a Division
of the Army (Horse Infantry and Guns)
to Nagamungulum on the 25th Ultimo on
his way to Goorty — The remainder of the
Army

Intelligence
from Major Doveton
12 August 1797

Copy to Hyderabad & Poona
& Bengal – 23 August

his preparations. —



I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient and
faithful Servant
William Charles

Sydney
14 August 1804

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c &c

my it was said, would be divided into
two Divisions - and that one of them
was to be destined to the Malabar
Coast - Hyder himself still remained
in the Fort - his taking the field was
not spoken of, although it appears almost
the whole of his troops had moved from
the Island to Seringapatam - His operations appear
to be directed eastward - His Expectation
of forming an alliance - and apprehension
of a rupture with the Mahrattas - are
both talked of with equal uncertainty
as conjectures regarding the motive of -

+ 6 Miles North from Seringapatam

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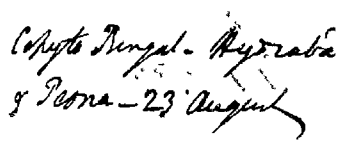
My Lord

Subiah a Nazarenah who has been for several years employed in procuring intelligence from Seringapatam, returned yesterday in eight Days from that place. He confirms the former report of a large Division of Tippoo's army — consisting of Horse, Infantry and Guns having marched towards Goa by — but mentions that it was commanded by Budden Jung, not by Cummur-ul-Deen, who remains at Seringapatam on account of sickness either real — or feigned. — From the reports current at Seringapatam no positive conclusion can be drawn of Tippoo's designs — Apprehensions of



in the [illegible] superintending the forwarding
and sending Stores to Camp—

M. Macarrah says that he was Six Days on
the Island and in the Fact of seeing a Letter,
that he did not go to the Camp at Brooklyn
but saw at out a Distance—

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
and most faithful Servant
William Eden Secy

Whitehall
18th August 1777

The Right Honble
Lord Viscount
North
&c &c

of a Mahratta Army approaching towards Jyepore, are spoken of as the cause of the late movement of Troops to reinforce Gooty. It is also supposed that he is preparing his Army for field service in consequence of his expectation of being joined by a body of French Troops to act against the English. — No less than about one hundred Guns are said to have been sent from the Island to Soonoor — a considerable proportion of which is supposed to be attached to the Gooty Detachment.

The main body of the Army continues at Soonoor — The Sultaunis tents are not pitched — He and Syd Saheb are still

in

Fort Lepaucy

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit the usual morning report of a Harcarrah from Chingapatam, which differs from that received on the 18th Instant in two principal points, which may be reconciled.-

The Harcarrah of 18th reported from hear say the number of Guns which had been sent to Tonnah, and consequently was more likely to exaggerate than the Harcarrah of the 20th who asserts having seen the Guns &c. The Harcarrah of the 18th reports that a large Division of the Sultaun's Army had marching from Tonnah towards Poddy - but the Harcarrah who returned on the 20th states, that that Division of the Army had not on the 19th Instant advanced

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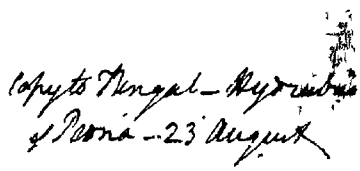

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient faithful Servant
William Marlow

Sydney
21st August 1797.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c.

Ther than Nagamungaleen, which is twelve Miles from Joonoor — are on the road to Gaudy

The following seems to be nearly the State of the chief Divisions of Tippo's Army — exclusive of the Troops in the different Garrisons —

| | Regular Infantry | Guns | Regular Horse | Irregular Horse |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On the Island in cantonments near Seer Ganjam — | | | | |
| 8 Cushoons at 800 each — | 4800. | — | — | — |
| Encamped at the Carreghat Ford and along the North bank of the River — | — | — | — | 6000 |
| At Joonoor + | 1200 | 26 | — | — |
| At Nagamungaleen # eight Cushoons at 800 each — | 6400 | 16 | — | — |
| Marched towards Chinnadroog Angeroy or Gooty — | — | 4 | 4000 | — |
| At Gooty under Sid Gofar eight Cushoons do — | 6300 | 16 | 1000 | 4000 |

+ Gardens at the North of Seringapatam

# About 19 Miles do — — do

# Including two Cushoons which join'd them on Sunday —

Secret Department

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Report of Venkat Rew, a Paracarah, who returned on the 20th of August 1797. from Seringapatam — which he alledges having left on the 14th Instant — after having been at Soonoor and Chagamungalum in the course of the 11th, 12th and 13th Instant — and at Seringapatam during a week preceding those Dates —

That there are 8 or 9 Cushoons Field encamped near Char Gungam (on the Island) viz Sabem Les, Champa Cauns Ayat Cauns, Peer Mahomeds, Sitar Mahomeds, and another — The first mentioned furnishes the Guards at the different Fords & along the Banks of the Cauvery — The other four Corps furnish two Cushoons daily as Guards over the Sultans Palace in the Fort

That the Alleedar and Bed Nore [illegible]

Copy to Bengal - Hyderabad
& Poona - 26 August

This detachment was first encamped at Soonda and is supposed to be destined to Goa by but there seems no immediate appearance of its marching.

The Regular Horse with four Guns had marched early in July towards Bidde Droog the movement of troops towards the Southern Mahratta's Northern frontier is imputed to the approach of 40000 Mahrattas towards that quarter

We report that a body of French troops has been landed on the Malabar Coast and that 6000 expects to be joined by a large force (10000 or 15000) of that description —

There is no report of the Mahrattas intending to take the fort — Capt. Read ... [illegible] Lt. Dean and Serjeant ... [illegible] are supplying

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Lally called in from their several stations, and amounting to 6000 or upwards, are encamped near the Carrephut Hill and along the Banks of the Vokany River. He said that after being mustered and paid up their Arrears, they are to march towards Gooty.

There is a Park of 22 large Brass Guns at Tannoor with Tumbrils &c. guarded by about 500 Infantry. Besides the Corps under Lally, which consists of about 700 Men (of which 60 or 70 are Europeans) with four small Guns.

There is a Camp at Chegamungalum, under the command of Hussain Ally Cawn, consisting of Eight Cushoons viz. Hussain Ally Cawn, about Seven, Calder Cawn's Son Cawn, and four others, with sixteen Guns.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

By my [illegible] [illegible] Seringapatam on the 19th Inst. I learn that one of the heavy Guns which were in Camp have been sent to Chittledroog for the use of that Fort. — Two Cutcheries of Cattle there, 100 Camels, and 40 Elephants have also proceeded thither, for the sake of forage — The remainder of the Guns are in the same place as formerly reported — The two other Cutcheries of Cattle there are at forage near [illegible] [illegible]. — A few only of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are near the [illegible] [illegible], at Toomoor. — [illegible] Party is still

in

of which goes on as usual

Hyde has lately ordered several of his small forts which had been allowed to decay to be repaired and Barracks Pens or Magazines to be erected to garrison them.

William Clarke

I Thurn

20th August 1797

in camp near the White Tabernacle & the Pensionaries of Bar which were with the Guns, have, from the most South, returned to their Island, where a certain number are daily practised in firing Ball. — The Guns are left in charge of the Artillery, Bandiers, and a few guards. —

The Sillabar Horse are at their different Stations in the Country of Naggomungle, Siwa-ganga &c. —

— Sixty Elephants and about 200 Camels have been sent to Carical Bay for the purpose of forage. — A considerable quantity of forage and water procured Severally, may possibly inform you, to the Eastern Country. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Your most Obed. Serv.
J. Wood

Cycod
Augt 25. 1791

Intelligence
from Major Doveton
25 August

Copy to Bengal - By Jhabua
" Poona 29 Aug

and that the whole of the stable,
Horse are both disposed for the want
of forage, but that a considerable
part do still remain in a collected state
near Boston and the Middle states.

I have the honor to be
Sir, your most Obt Servt
G. Washington

Philadelphia
Augt 27 1797

It was reported in Camp
that a second reinforcement was
shortly to arrive at Gibraltar from
Virginia & that Lord Cornwallis
& Lt Gen. Leslie (the Brigadier)
or Lt Col. Hyde the Sackville's
eldest Son, — and that the Army
would then act offensively —

— My People in Town are
rather over at Colan Mac Allan
Buckley who has lately arrived
in a Ship from Pennsylvania on
to collect Debts — Porter as are Lt
for the use of the Service. —

— Two of my People dine
with us this morning from Mile-
end Road the Misses Palmer —
at Work they left us at 2 — Miss
Upton desires a Letter from Work
communicated to you on the 25th Inst.

They say that two Regiments
at Bar are ordered with the Guards. —

And

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Secret Department

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that my People came in this morning from Seringapatam which they left on the 26th Inst.
They inform me that Sebastiao Diaz Siriarah Maj.r and another who had proceeded sometime ago to Coorak, returned on the 25th Inst. from Seringapatam with letters for the Sultaun. — The contents of which, as reported, relate to Goods. —

The Guns &c.a near the Nonis Tabu are in the same situation as when last reported, — no fresh movements whatever.

I have &c.a

Geo.e Stra[illegible]

Intelligence
from Major Norton
// 27. August 1797

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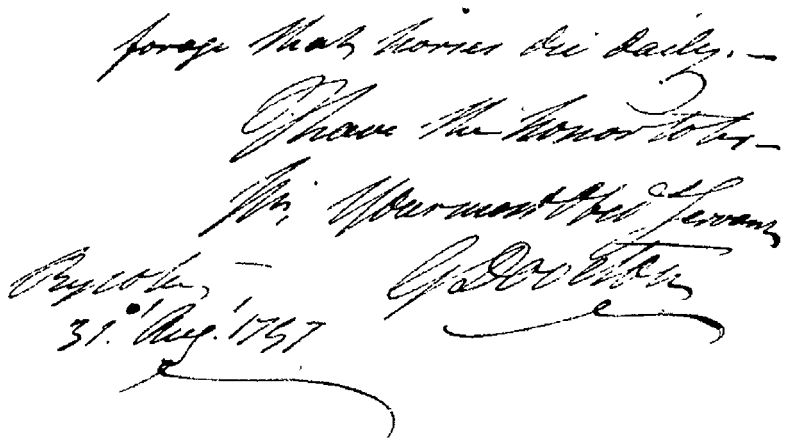

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Secret Department

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my People came in this morning. — They left Seringapatam on the 26th Ulto. and the Mootee Talow on the 28th. — Their intelligence respecting the position of the Guns, & Artillery Park, the Jew Town &c. &c. is exactly the same as before communicated, — Both they also report to me that a Gentleman from Mangalore arrived at Seringapatam about the 18th Ulto. and that while they were at Seringapatam he attended the Sultaun at the Gun and Bayonet-exercise

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Intelligence from Major
Doveton 31 August 1799

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Hyderabad
& Poona 8 Sept.

which is practised every morning.

I have to remark that several parties of my people have come in from Seringapatam since the 18th Inst. who do not make any mention of the Freedmen in question. —

— A few new tents have been sent to camp to replace those worne out.

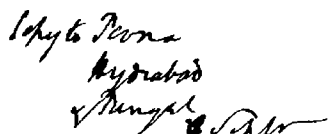
I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most Obed.t Serv.t
C. Cornwallis

Nuggur
4th Sept.r 1792

Secret Department

My Lord

Ramajah's Haircarrah returned today in fourteen Days from Gooty - He reports that Syd Gopals Detachment still continues stationed at that place and that its strength consists of between 6000 and 7000 Infantry with fifteen Guns - The Cavalry had been detached on account of forage - he considered their strength to be about 1000 - There was no report of any movement of that Corps from Gooty - A Relation of Appaorabad named Bauber-ul-Deen had arrived at Gooty about the beginning of last Month from Seringapatam with orders from Tippoo to raise a Corps of 4000 Horse - He has begun



stations – that he reckons the number of Guns
[illegible] That there is no further
[illegible] at the Cantonment of Infantry
or Guns from Seringapatam – and that there
is one other encampment in the neighbourhood
of Seringapatam, excepting that at Soonoor
which consists of about two Infantry and
a few Hundred Horse as Guards over the Park.
It was reported in Regular Cavalry were
at forage in the vicinity of Cerrah.

I have the honour to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient Servant
Wm Medows

Pollum
11th September 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart

began to entertain Horsemen at from 30 to 50
Rupees each per Month — He effected most
of his Recruits [illegible] the Oakleans country
where it was said he has influence —

The Harcarrah heard at Gooty that Sindia
had a park of Artillery at Boonsa and
that his taking the field was supposed to [illegible]
on the arrival of a body of French
troops [illegible]

Another Harcarrah returned today from
Seringapatam which he reports having
left on the 2nd Inst. Sunk — He says the Jaygeer
Horse which had been assembled lately at
Seringapatam are gone to different parts of
Mahratta

From Captain Mackie

11th September 17[illegible]

Dear Sir

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to the Government
Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that Others Party left
came to this morning from Seringa-
-patam, which they left on the 17th Inst.
who report to me that the Guns,
Stores &c have been moved, from
the former position near the Mootee
Talow, to the side of the River near
the Carrygaut. —
— Colly's camp is at Thorrow, about
one Cos from the Carrygaut. —
— Seid Saheb's Party only remains
at present near the Mootee Talow
— a Detachment of Horse
moved towards Bunagoody about
the 16th Inst. —
I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most Obd. Servt.
G Cuthbert

Mysore
24th Sept. 1799

Drunken Europeans had been making disturbances. —

— A report prevails that when the River falls, the Troops under the Abbotte Tabor will be returned into the Fort. —

— Murtan Saheb accompanied by Vancadapully Nair (the Son of the Rajah's Polygar) who has lately been made a Mussulman, has gone to Dindy as the Aumil & Principal Revenue and Civil Officer over that District. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
G. Doveton

Trichinopoly
17th Sept. 1797

Josiah Wedgwood Esqr
Secretary to the Government.

Sir

I have the honour to acquaint you that two of my people who left Seringapatam on the 10th Inst. reported to me that Buttiah Nayk an Chief of a sect of Fakeers with two of his people, were dispatched on the 17th Inst. with letters to Poonah, and to do it in manner it was achieved to the Sultaun on the 25th ditto.

— The Tope-Komah for Bark, is on the same position as before. Dallyi Pant had shifted ground and is now again shorter to the Mysore side of the River.

— Two messengers arrived also two of my people from Gooty which they left on the 14th Inst. They inform me that Meeraunder Beauj Pandy of Poona and Mr Philipps also

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27 Sept

~~xxx~~ been in the neighbourhood of Mulwagle and Coongamoor, but with them 8 or 10 days been ordered back to Seringapatam. -

I have the honor &c &c,
&c &c Your most Obt.
Humble Servt.
C. Cockerell

Bycota
23d. Sept. 1791

were lately threatening Coorg, have,
in consequence of letters from Purneah
Bhow, and Hurbo Row, made a re-
trograde movement towards the Ma-
ratta Frontier -

— About the 12th Inst. One
Hoosheen of Bar, with three guns, and
a party of about 1500 or 2000 Horse
marched from Coorg to reinforce
Seid Lushkar's Detachment, at Anna-
goondy; — and it is said at Coorg,
that a re-inforcement from Seringa-
patam is also to be sent — God yet
can. — The cause of these re-en-
forcements towards that quarter, is
a suspicion that Purneah Bhow &
Hurbo Row, whose joint force is
collected at Nargoond, have hostile
intentions on Annagoondy, and it
is expected that they will shortly
move towards it -

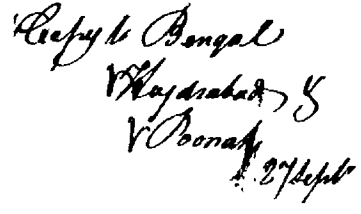
— The small detachment mov-
ed to Cullian & Chubbis Ong, will
soon, be a considerable time from

Fort Department

City Fort

Meer Beg an Inhabitant of this place who having connections at "Seringapatam," was sent there for Intelligence — He returned today — reports that he left Seringapatam on the 30th of last month — That the greatest part of the Ordnance which had been collected at Tooroor was during the 20th and 21st of last month drawn back to the Banks of the Cauvery — and allowed to remain there — opposite to the North East angle of the Fort — until such time as the River may be fordable — and almost all the whole being removed across to the Island — He says he reckoned the number to be — Nine large — and forty Six small Guns — Two Seven Mortars and Howitzers — also that Eleven small Guns are still left at

Tooroor



the Tinnevelly Countries—

I was informed at Seringapatam that some of Tippoo Troops has defeated lately a party of refractory Poligars near Seasky-Ghur.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
faithful Servant
William Kirkpatrick

Fort St. George
the October 1797.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c

house – under charge of the Commandant of Selly's Corps – and about 1200 Infantry –

We state that the greatest part of the Sultans Infantry is cantoned on the Island – and that the Cavalry – Regulars and Irregulars are stationed about Ayvali – Evoriktra – and Semoogak. – The reason commonly assigned for the Artillery having been detached at Cannae is Tippoo's apprehension of a body of French Troops joining him – which idea he appears now to be disposed to give up –

A Relation of Turkey received about the Middle of last month at Seringapatam – and from this being attended to Tippoo's presence, is supposed to be an Ambassador from Constantinople – He travelled in a private Character – and came by

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Encl. Rebuttal

To

Joseph Wilkie Esqr

Secretary to the Commander

in Chief

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that two Spanish Deserters came in this day from Sooty which they left on the 1st Inst. They report to me that Mr. Dorsey is in the same position around Sooty as formerly. A Party of between two & three thousand men from Sirpi, arrived at Sooty on the 29th Ultimo.

Enclosed I transmit to you a Return of the Troops at Sooty & an attack meditated by the Mahratta on the 14th Inst. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obed. Hum. Servt

G. Dowdeswell

Camp

1st Feb. 1791

Intelligence from Captain
Maitland
8 October 1797

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A Prussian who reports having left Paris on the 28th of August states that the City of Paris which has been at Engelmunster, Dunkirk Jersey Gooty – left the Stirling Park at Hanover on the 28 of that Month – that both there being any appearance of the Stirling engine &c – and that the Inspector Genl's name on any part the Carriage had been inscribed with a Diamond –

Another Prussian who has not left Compiegne states that many of the Officers of the Frenchmen who were for see many

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Extract from

Ellys Land

A Harcarrah who reports his having left Seringapatam on the 25th of August mentions that the Body of Infantry which had been at Chinnamungalum marched towards Poody — that the Artillery Park at Bangalore is still at that Place — but without there being any appearance of its being augmented — and that the Irregular Horse which were encamped near the Carrighat Hill have marched Southward —

Another Harcarrah who had been sent to Seringapatam to learn, if possible the cause of the Frenchmen who were for two months past

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no French Troops have yet landed on the Malabar coast — but that it is believed a large Body of French is expected soon by Tippoo to be landed at Mangalore.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient, humble servant
William Medows

Ft. Cornwallis
4th August 1791.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c

last Augt. time made proposals of alliance with the Sultan, has returned, and brought some written memoranda of the conversation, and chiefly containing the names of Official persons in Tippoo's service. The only points which appear of any consequence are that two persons — named Yaakum Yusuf and Reza-Colly are employed on an Embassy to Constantinople — that the three Frenchmen who came some months ago to Seringapatam are entertained in the service of Tippoo on a Salary of 200 Rupees each for a period of 30 Days — that one of them is now at Seringapatam — and that the other two are at Bangalore, attached to the Gun-Cutcherie or the Arsenal department which the Sultan established since the arrival of these Frenchmen — Also that

Ano —

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Secret Despatch

To Right Honble Lord
Secretary to the Government
&c &c &c

Sir,

Two of my people who came in yesterday from Serinapatam which they left on the 4th Inst. confirm to me the intelligence communicated to you on the 24th ult.o viz.t that the whole of the Guns, Stores &c which were formerly near the Moote Tabor have been moved to, and are now lying near the Caryaudroog Hills, Tippoo Sultaun is also there in camp. —

— Said Sahuly Pandy, who was with the village of Toonan near the Moote Tabor has moved to Kunga-Doo near Chencorey-Pauttun. —

— The Nawaub Kurtub ul Deen Khan died at Serinjapatam about the end of last month. —

&c &c &c

Intelligence from Castlereagh

Madras 4 August 1797
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— Sidu Singi Captivity
Letters from Coimbetore have arrived
at Seringapatam dawnes been received
by another party —

Have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obedient
Humble Servt
W Doveton

Augusta
Oct 12 1797

Secret Department

My Lord

Two persons natives of this place who were sent to Seringapatam for Intelligence, returned on the 11th and 12th Instant. One of them reports his having left Seringapatam on the 2nd and the other on the 4th Instant. The reports of both of them agree regarding the following circumstances — That the Corps called Lally's marched on the 1st of this month from Sosnoor to the Northern Banks of the river and are encamped along with the Ordnance. That neither Troops nor Guns are left behind at Sosnoor That the greatest part of the Infantry continue on the Island — but that several Corps had crossed the North branch of the River about the 20th of last month — and after remaining two Days

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dissuaded him from the first intention

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
most obedient &
faithful servant
William Eden

Ham
13th October 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

On the South side of it, they crossed to the Island - and occupied their Barracks. - That Corps at the same time 2000 Irregular Infantry marched from Seringapatam - supposed to be destined for Sidaseer - Gooty - to which place it was said Syd. Yosf. has been ordered to march with all his troops. he has a Good deal of disturbances in the neighbourhood of Siddaseer Gooty

When last month some of the Company has crossed the North river from Islam, it was supposed the Sultaun himself intended to take the field - and march towards Cuddapah - The Corps being afterwards ordered back to their Cantonments, as mentioned in dispatches received by Lepee from Candiah, which

dispatches

Secret Department

My Lord

Mr Harcarrack who reports his leaving Seringapatam on the 9th of this month confirms the former accounts of the artillery and Colly's Corps having moved back from Soonoor to the North banks of the Savery opposite to the North East angle of the Fort. He makes the number of Guns not to exceed Fifty which other accounts made out to be upwards of Seventy.

He says the party of Infantry which was sent at Chagamungulum and afterwards advanced towards Serah has returned to the Ghaut.

He says that the Detachment under Major Gowdie is expected soon to return to Seringapatam

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it unprudent to admit French troops into his country.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships
most obedient & most humble servant
William Eden

Stoney
17th October 1797

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Jacob de Dem (an Officer of high rank) died lately at Seringapatam. It has been reported about the beginning of this month at Seringapatam that some French troops had landed on an Island near Mangalore — and that Hyder notwithstanding his former promises to receive them from that quarter, has prohibited their advancing into his territories — but that he has recommended to them to attack the English in their own possessions — that having heard of their success, he will be ready to join them (the French) with his army — The latter report does not seem to deserve any credit unless in respect to the sentiments from which it would appear the Sultan may have judged

Copy Letter to
Lieut. Col. Clarke
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To Josiah Clarke Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
&c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint you that several of my people have lately come in from Cannjapatam, the last left it on the 13th Inst. — They bring no thing new, — but confirm to the intelligence communicated to you on the 24th Ult.o & 12th Inst.o —

The Party of Infantry from Colar, Mulwagle &c. had arrived at the Carnjaum

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most & Obt.
humble Servant
J. Dallas

Colar
the 20th 1797

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Secret Department

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to the Government

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my people came to this day from Seringapatam, which they left on the 17th Inst. - They report to me that Bistapah and Seid Kuffaan with the whole of the force hitherto stationed in the vicinity of Goorty, leaving only a party for the garrison of that place, arrived at Seringapatam on the 16th Inst, - and are now in camp near the Carry Shah. - The force that arrived from Goorty consists of seven Risaldars with their Risalas, twelve Rissaldars of Horse, with four Coss Guns, and the whole of the Infantry of Tippoo Sultaun. - It is reported in Hyder Ghurty that Seid Rahim

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From the Commandant
at Nyacottah
20 October 1787

Mem
Mr Jenny told Gen no use
of sending a Copy to Bengal &c

by, and will be given up to the Mahrattahs, as a security for the performance of Monsoon. —

— Orders have been circulated, where read, to all parties of the Sultaun's Army at present on detachment at different places in the Dominions to assemble at the Capital (Seringapatam) in the course of next month for the purpose of a general Muster; — And the report is that after such Muster a very considerable force will march against Travancul. —

— Mr Webber Boy Beardsley returned from Mangalore about 25 days ago. — On their arrival the Sultaun ordered a salute to be fired — The cause of the salute my pupils could not learn. —

Peace said at Seringapatam Mah. Ens have been concluded between the English & French. —

Mean. the honor to be
Sir, Your most Obt. Servt.
E. D. Webber

Cuddalore
Sept 22 1797

Secret Department—
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My Lord

d'Arcarrah, who says he left Seringapatam on the 11th of this month reports that the Artillery still continued along the North Bank of the North River — that all the Infantry Corps in the neighbourhood of the Capital are in Cantonments on the Island (11 Cushoons) except Kelly Corps which remains as a Guard over the Bridge. —

He reports That the Infantry which had crossed from the Island to Both Side of the River last month, had been ordered to march towards Soorashel-Ghur under Cootoob-ul-Deen, and that in consequence of the sudden death of that Officer, the Corps were again ordered back to the Island — because the death of the Commander was considered as a bad omen. It was said that

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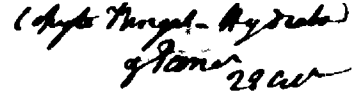

has attacked Sharke Gram with his Cushoon to
Cabbaden Ghur, and that Syd Gofar himself
with the rest of his Detachment which had
been so long cantoned near Goorty, had reached
Curreeghur, on his march to Seringapatam.

The River has carried away a great part
of the new Glacis, which had been thrown up lately
on the North face of the Fort.

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships most obedient
faithful Servant
William Charlton

Salem
21st October 1791.

+ Eighty Miles North from Seringapatam

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Secret Dispatch No 7

To Major Noble Esqre
Secretary to the Governor &c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint you that I left Long Reach on the 21st inst. and arrived at Longapatam on the 23rd inst. - I have been thus long on the road on account of the bad weather, unusual for the season, having every small vessel detained & prevented from coming up.

I have no particulars further than a confirmation of the account, which arrived to you on the 22nd inst. of the arrival at Longapatam of the Europe & Hero Indiamen on the preceding. Every thing under the orders of Admiral Hughes and Colonel Fullarton was landed in perfect health, and the army was in motion towards Dindigul

Secret

Intelligence from Captain
Macleod.
21 October 1777

which is to be made on the part of
the Sultaun, of Sooty, as a Present
for the Secretary of Morocco. —
— They add, that it is rumoured that
Citizen Petroy is to be given up, thro'
the mediation of the Maratas, to
a Deputation of the former Rajah
Burmah Naig. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obedient
humble Servant
G Doolittle

Augusta
2. Nov. 1797

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Secret Department

To

The Hon.ble Webbe Esqre

Secretary to the Government

&c &c &c

Fort

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that two Javanese people from Sooty and Surrapoondy came on this day. — The latter place they left about ten days ago and the former about a month. — One Europeon was then at Surrapoondy, — but it was reported that he and also Mustapha with the Men from Sooty were ordered back to Semarang. —

A party of about 1000 men under the Rajah Pakoo Boone had come over from Surrapoondy to the Mataram Army at Madioond. — The cause of the defection was said to be

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Benson 2 Nov 1797

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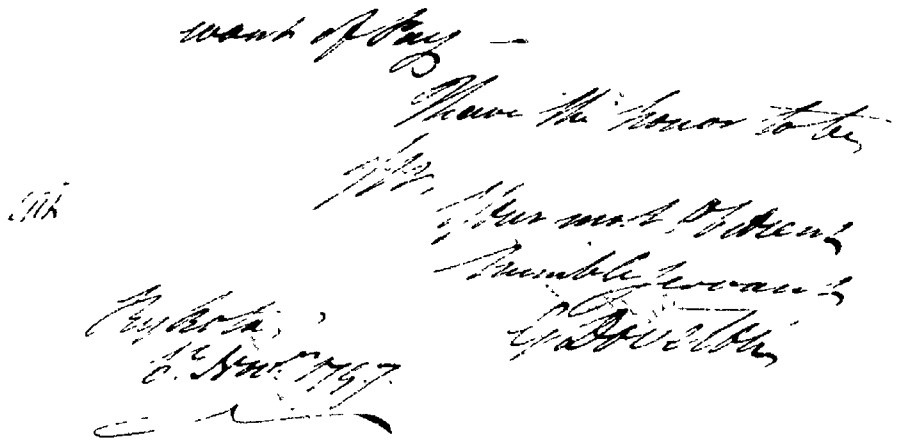

Head Quarters

Camp

My Lord

A Harcarrah at whom I have much confidence, being sent towards Goorty to ascertain the movements of Dhoondiah under Cujo Yesar, returned to day from Seringapatam, having left it on the 3d instant.

He reports that he went towards Goorty, as far as Canaul, 18 Miles South from Great Cerrah, at which place he was informed that Cujo Yesar had marched up that route towards Seringapatam, whither the Harcarrah also went - and here he learned that that Officer had returned about the 20th of last month with his Corps, seven Elephants and fourteen Guns - The

H Lawrence

Intelligence from Major
Doveton 6 November 1799

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chiefly near the Banks of the Tungabadra

A considerable no. of Workmen is
constantly employed in perfecting Seringapatam
but as the Works are of great extent and
mostly built from the foundation, it is
supposed the place will require several years
more to be rendered capable of defence.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's
very obedient humble servant
William Kirkpatrick

Pollum
13th November 1797.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c &c

Infantry went immediately into Cantonments on the Island — One Battalion and five Guns only had been left at Goodey.

The Artillery which was on the North side of the North river, has been removed the Island — except 2 Mortars and 14 Guns

At present there are no considerable detachments of Infantry absent from Seringapatam — where there are still between or twenty Battalions, a larger force than had been assembled at that place for the last eighteen months — and there is no rumour or appearance of any movement of Troops being designed.

The Cavalry Corps are dispersed in different parties for the convenience of forage, Northward of Seringapatam,

chiefly

Lately Corps we to be detached, about
Towards Sabarkee Fort, on the Ba-
lajee an evening disturbances to
which they are incited by the Po-
lygars of Goa.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed.

humble Servant

Nov. 10. 1797

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To
The Honble Edgar
Secretary to the Government
Ooty

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my friends arrived this evening from Seringapatam - They left Seringapatam on the 20th Inst. with a party of about two hundred men, which reached Bangalore yesterday the 23d Inst. this evening. - They, hoping to get the Troops at Bangalore this morning - But hearing that they, the Troops, were forwarding Encamped at Attur, Twenty Miles on the other side of Bangalore, I have in order to expedite the matter as much as possible thought proper to send them forward by Express to Attur with the Troops -

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most Obedt Servt
C Doveton

Bangalore
June 24. 1797.

Mem. 24 Nov^r
Antipathy of Mice not known in
the Province of Mysore & Seringapatam
Mr Storey tells it is no Consequence

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to the Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that two of my people came in yesterday and two this morning from Seringapatam - The former left it on the 27th and the latter on the 28th ult. They have no other particulars —

— Bootiah Head Mercarah with two Persons called Bakers who had come lately from Bednore, left Seringapatam the 26th ult. on their return thither (to Bednore) — The surrender of Gooty is also reported to be the subject of the correspondence between the Peishwah and Tippoo —

— About the 17th ult. a Brahmin, with 6 Mercarahs, left Seringa-
patam

Intelligence from Major
Boston 24 November 1777

Patam, — it was said he was going to Madras —

It is rumoured that the Sultaun intends to move shortly towards Trincomalee, a village near Goudy & the residence of the Peer-zadah Hadee Bukhah, son of the late celebrated Peer-zadah Shah Montuza-zaheb Known by Keyser Moore — Tippoo intends to become a Moorid / a disciple or scholar of the above Peer-zadah —

— Two or three Frenchmen of War, they say, are to march soon towards Goody —

— Sadleir, Smith & Gowan into Retirement at Chungal —

Please the Bearer to be

Sir, Your most obedient

humble Servant

Fort St George

4th Dec 1787.

G. Dowdeswell

War Department

To Edward Webbe Cooper
Secretary to the Government

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Government that I have this day received a party of 3 or 400 horse with two small Field Pieces marched from Goa towards Bankapur — Several arrears of Revenue have been lately remitted from Gooty and the reports of Inhabitants that are to be given up to the Mahratta —

My people from Sungaty report to me that the 8 large Guns & 4 Mortars which were near the Carnatic have been moved across the Lockany and are now on the bank of the River (the Cavery) opposite to the Seringapatam Island Fort.

I have

Intelligence

From Major Doveton

4 December 1797

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13 Dec

The Mountains of Coorg are
all in cantonments at the Seringa-
patam — The Horse at Sarjapoor, 20 Miles
before, at Bangal, Mudgerry, Serjapoor &c.
The Sultaun intends
Peerzaheb at Tellicherry as talked of.
Please to Inform the
Hon. Governor & Council
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
J. Kennaway

Tellicherry
Dec. 10. 1791

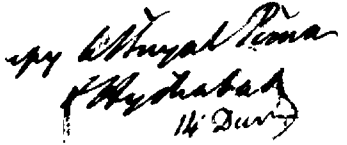
Secret Department 97

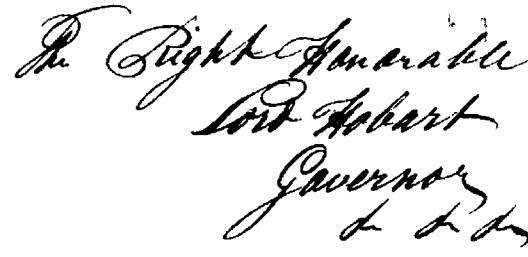
My Lord

Sadik Hussain a Haricarrah returned today from Seringapatam — which place he reports to have left on the 14th of this month — He corroborates the former report of Syd Gofars return from Goorty to Seringapatam with the Infantry and Guns under his command — but has obtained no information of any part of Syd Gofars Corps being left behind to garrison Goorty —

He says all the Artillery — which by the last reports had been left on the North bank of the North river, have been drawn cross the River to the Island — and farther removed to the Fort or place in Shahs near

Shar Gunjam




The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c &c

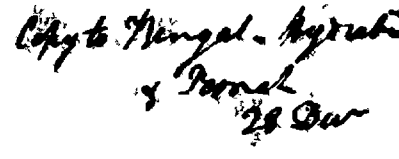
Shar-Gunjam.— Lally's Corps has crossed both Rivers— and is cantoned near the bank of the South River opposite to the East end of the Island.—

Almost the whole of the Regular Infantry is on the Island.— The Cavalry is detached in different parties to the Northward of the Capital for the convenience of forage.

There is no appearance of any Movement of Troops being designed.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant
William Kirkpatrick

Pelum
22nd December 1797.



Yesterday I was in the habit of
morning & noon every day, - sometimes
the afternoon & the evening of the Sabbath,
& other times the worthies employed
in various ways, - and sometimes
making little hunting excursions round
Negroe, the Moorish Palace of Boabdil
in the vicinity of Xeres. -

Please the honor to be
Sir, your most obedient
humble servant
G. Ticknor

Gibraltar
Dec 22 1817

Secret Department.

My Lord

Rengah a Harcarrah, who was sent for intelligence to Goorty, having returned, reports that he left that place on the 5th Instant, when there was an appearance of Tippoo's intention to remove all the Cannon and Stores of that Fortress to Seringapatam. — He the Harcarrah, reports having seen Four Guns; Four Tumbrils, three heaps of Cannon and other articles of Stores at the Gate of the lower Fort, which leads to the road to Seringapatam. — That a number of Hands were employed in taking down from the upper Fort to the same place, all the Guns and other stores for the purpose, & was generally said of their carrying them to Seringapatam. —

Jawrad

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of Poonah 29 Jan

importance.

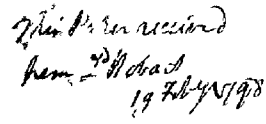
I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
faithful Servant
William Eliot

Queen
28th December 1797.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c

Several thousand Draft and Carriage Cattle were collected together near the lower Fort. The manner was accounted for by its being believed that Eyeo had agreed with the Chakra Tas to give up Gooty to the Heir of Murra Row. Such a report has been in circulation for the last two years - but notwithstanding the assertion of the appearance above alluded to, I am inclined not to credit that Eyeo has any intention of giving up Gooty - and rather to suppose that either the intelligence is false - or that it may arise from the Sultaun resolving on withdrawing part of the Stores from Gooty - for it seems extremely improbable that any arrangement could be agreed upon between the Chakra Tas and Eyeo, by which the latter would cede a place of such

importance



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– The Headquarters of Gen. is also under orders of march to Penobscot River. –

Two others of my Squadron likewise came in this day from Passamaquoddy having left it on the 25th Inst. They inform us that on the 24th four Privateers arrived in the morning, and four in the evening from Manchester. – What News they bring, or what may be the Intentions of their coming into Passamaquoddy Bay we do not yet learned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most Obed.

humble Servant

Penobscot

January 1780.

Secret Department

My Lord

Venkat Ram a Harcar

has been sent to Seringapatam, returned to-day,
and reports that he left that place on the 27th
of last month; that it was generally believed
the Sultaun has lately deigned to give up Gooty
to the Mahrattas, in addition it was supposed
of some secret engagements which the latter has
entered into; that it was currently credited, cattle
had been collected at Gooty for removing the stores
to Seringapatam, but that Tippo doubting the
sincerity of the Mahrattas, in reflecting on the
impolicy of the measure, has countermanded
his orders to remove the stores, and resolved

not

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Hyderabad
& Poonah 12. Jan$^{y}$ 1798

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships most obedient
faithful servant
William Chadwick

Hull
Tuesday
6th January 1798

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor
&c &c &c

not to give up the place

It appears entirely incredible that Tippo could be induced to surrender a Frontier of such importance under any terms of negociation - and not easy to have from what cause the report may have originated

The Infantry Corps continue in cantonments on the Pettah - The Cavalry are as usual dispersed at foraging Stations -

It is said that Tippo intends shortly to visit a Mussulman's Tomb in the Serrah District

There seems to be no appearance of any interruption to the present tranquility of Mysore

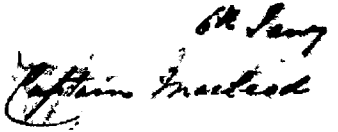
Fort St. Stanislaus

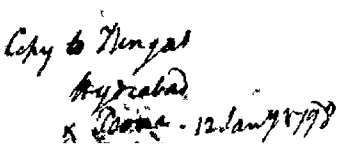
Lieut. Mark Wilks Esqre.

Secretary to the Government

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that a party of about 150 Men accompanied by Samuel a head Warrior-Chief, arrived at the 5 Gun Battery the Westernmost Work of Fundamental Line with proofs — from Governor Desfarges to the Chiefs of the Malabar Coast, Factories on this Frontier — & the cause of the coming of this party is, Pillay, Vakil & principal Malabar Native, named Nainar, who has for many years had the superintendency of the Arcotee Cutcherry, and who is a most capital Workman, made his escape from Tellicherry a few days ago. — Letters of Horse were instantly dispatched





conducted to the Cowpens by a guard
from Buckingcotah. — All their
cattle, and the whole of their goods
have been taken from them. —

I have the honor to be
Sir. Your most Obed. Servant

Pickens
Jan. 9 1780

E. Dowell

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detached to the Frontiers to intercept him on his flight — The Party which came to this quarter, having given the necessary orders to the Headmen of Branch Roads, Tenundrong, Soogeery &c. this morning returned back towards Seringapatam. —

A Party of merchants of the sect / Madee / which three or four years ago were expelled from Tippoo Sumroon's, went, about the beginning of last month, from Calicode towards Bankeny-cotah with seventy two bullocks, laden with goods, — with intention to bring back the goods, and to purchase Betle Nuts, to return. — Soon after they had entered Tippoo's country, they were seized, & carried to the Fort of Bankeny-cotah where they remained in confinement until the 5th Inst. — They came in hither this evening, having been

conducted

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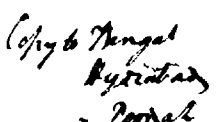
Hyderabad
Poona 12 Jan 1778

the Surprise of intercepting the Packet
at his Head Quarters in consequence of the
Treachery or Illness of the Officer
on command at Lorme Fort, which
has made his escape from Confinement
with a considerable sum of money.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
G. Prevost

Respected
Jany 18th 1798.



To Mayor Lord —

Receiving number of the
Netherlanders ~~Rome~~ and Belgic Horse, now
encamped between the Lochaber and
Severn, are murdered daily, and receive
two Rations, two bottles of Rum, four
Horse Guns, eight Rations to the year —
May their Torments, still be nearly
twelve months in arrear.

Pray Remember to the
Ministry, your most Faithful
Humble Servant
Governor

Bristol
19 Jan 1780

Secret Department

Sir

A Mahratta who returned from Seringapatam reports his having left that Place on the 12th of this month, after being there Eleven Days. He says that excepting about 1500 Horse, which are at Chittledroog, all the rest of the Cavalry has been assembling at Seringapatam since the middle of December for the purpose of being Mustered and it is said to be newly formed into Corps by casts, in the same manner as the Infantry, after which it is thought Jaigeers are to be allotted for the support of the respective Corps. The number assembling is supposed to amount to between Nine and Ten Thousand; they are encamped along the Banks of the Cauvery River above the Carrighaut Ford.

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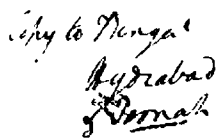

Notice - Lascars to be discharged - Account of the quantity of Ammunition &c found at Seringapatam - A Canal cut from the River to supply the Enemy's Army that might approach to besiege the Capital - In consequence of his orders a part of the Bank was actually thrown down, but the demolition was countermanded in consequence of the representations made against it -

Some dependents and connections of the late Tippoo Sultaun's Family - made their escape about the end of last month from Seringapatam in consequence of its being supposed that the Sultaun had designed to destroy them - The Male line of this family is doomed to be extinct - the last of them at present twenty years of age, having been about two years ago -

Building of the Fort - the

Customs with warm Clothing &c -

Infantry Corps are as usual cantoned on the
Island with the Captive of Four Cutters and Six
Gun Brig marching on the 8th Instant under
their Convoy to the Westward - destined it was said
to Mangalore -

Some Military Stores has arrived from Goa
Vidant the beginning of this month - It is still a
current report that the Chakrattas are endeavoring
to negociate the Cession of it to themselves - and
that French Agents are employed to prevail on
the Sultaun to accede to the demands of the
Chakrattas -

Hyder was lately at Coorcoora (20 Miles West
from Seringapatam) to determine on a favorable
part of the Cauvery for Constructing a Dam for
the purpose of Agriculture - On his return
he directed the Bunds at Lokerdon the

Mootee Sahib

I have the honor to be
Sir
with the greatest respect
Your most obedient
faithful Servant
William Blount

Belize
20th January 1798

To Edward Saunders Esquire
Acting Governor &c
Port Royal Jamaica

Copy to Nugent
Reynolds
& Scott
10 Jan 1798

Secret Department

I have the honor to be
Sir
with the greatest respect
Your most obedient
faithful Servant
William Charles

Fort St George
20th January 1798

To Edward Saunders Esqre
Acting Governor &c
Fort St George

Copy to Nizam
Hyderabad
& Poona 10th Feb 1798

The Sultaun's Birthday

The Seven Towers are finished and aboard one Ship from Senegahadan on the Barbary Coast. — The report is that he purposes to remain in Town during the marriage ceremony of his daughter which is shortly to take place.

It was said sometime ago that the Sultaun had expressed his intention to destroy the four large Towns near Senegahadan called St. Martin Barbou, Sub Hat Bonnau and Allon of his old Servants and then defended them from it. — My present Capitol tells me that the Sultaun has now actually given orders for its destruction and that a party of Janizaries have proceeded thither for that purpose. —

From the Honor to be,
Sir, Your most Obed.
Humble Servant
P. Dennet.

Constantinople
June 27 1760

East Department

My Lord

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship the accompanying report of an Officer in Tippoo Sultaun's regular Cavalry; who left Seringapatam on the 18th of this Month, having obtained leave to visit his family at Ashtoor, which his relations at my request prevailed upon him to accomplish.—

He arrived here on the 27th Instant.— His report may be generally depended upon — especially his account of the Strength and arrangement of the Regular Horse.—

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
faithful Servant
William Kirkpatrick

Cuddy
Sellum
29th January 1790—

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& Secret 20 Jan 1798

Secret Department

Substance of the report of Imam Beg Adjutant to one of the Corps of Regular Cavalry in the Service of Tippoo Sultaun.-

That about six Months ago Abdulla Beg was sent by the Sultaun to Poonah with an escort of forty Horse, He had in his charge an Elephant and a Khelaut (or Dress) for Scindiah and Nanna Furnavese; both of which were presented and accepted; but Scindiah has expressed his displeasure on finding that Furnavese's Dress was of a superior quality to that which he received.

Imam Beg travelling along with Abdulla Beg early in this month from Seringapatam to Chenga patam, the latter was then on his return from Poonah, which he had left in the beginning of December. He did not speak of the object of his mission.

That Rissa Beg who was sent to Mangelore in May last, for the purpose of meeting and supplying a Body of French expected to land there, was not yet returning to Seringapatam.

There are parties of Irregular Horse & Sadar, now assembling at Seringapatam to be reviewed and

Mustered

& Marched towards the Coast

By [illegible] in command to the Person sent for this purpose was Killed Bakee Beg

Intelligence from
Captain Macleod
28 Jany 1798

Copy to Bengal
Hyderabad
Bombay
16 February

Mares may be separated.— Their number is about
4500.— and formed into seven Catcheries — viz

1st Catcherie — or Mares-Sowar-Askar.—
(Bay and Dun Mares)
1st Buksher, Subber-Jaun
2nd Do — Abdulla Jaun
3d Do — Meer Sonjaun +

2nd Catcherie — or Ally-Sowar-Askar —
(Bay and Dun Horses)
1st Buksher, Khadoo-Meerah
2nd Do — Hyder Beg —

3rd Catcherie — or Noor-Sowar-Askar
(White and Grey Mares)
1st Buksher — Nyi-Askar —
2nd Do — Meer-Ahmed —

4th Catcherie — or Hafez-Sowar-Askar
(White and Grey Horses)
Buksher, — Hafez — Fereed —

5th Catcherie or Ryman-Sowar Askar
(Black, — Pye bald, — and Dun Mares)
Buksher, — Ahmed-Meer — Cawn

6th Catcherie — or — Khadoo-Sowar-Askar
(Chesnut — Mares)
1st Buksher — Meer Asad — Khan
2nd Do — Bubber Ally-Beg

7th Catcherie — or Rooker-Sowar-Askar
(Black and Pye bald Horses)
1st Buksher — Abdul-Karab, Jung

+ Abdhen — of Tippoo-Sultan's

Mustered - after which they are to return to their several stations - The strength of the Silladar has been considerably increased within the last two years. Their number is now supposed to amount to Eleven or Twelve Thousand - Their Officers are allowed Estates in proportion to the number of Men and Horses they agree to furnish - They are allowed the option of being paid either in Land or in money - or whatever proportion they may chuse of each - and they are generally permitted to canton in any part of the country they may like best - but restricted to make their appearance frequently at Seringapatam - for Reviews & Musters. -

About Two years ago when all the Regular Horse were kept in Cantonments on the Island, one third of their number is supposed to have died in consequence of diseases, the severity of the weather and chiefly the scarcity of forage - During the last Eighteen months they have been permitted to be constantly changing their ground, for the convenience of forage, but they have been chiefly of late between Seerah and the Banks of the Tungabhoodra, and commonly in two parties - that the Horses may

Graze

they perform a march of from twenty to thirty Miles without dismounting.—

The foregoing arrangement of the Regular Horse took place in August 1796.—

The Infantry consists of 24 Cushoons - exclusive of Irregulars not armed with Firelocks - or such as are attached to particular stations— The Twenty four Regular Cushoons are supposed to be not more than an average than 1000 each -

Four Cushoons marched lately towards Bangalore three are detached in small parties - only seventeen are at Seringapatam.

It is reported that Tippo intends soon to raise a Musulmans Corps 60 Miles North from Seringapatam.—

William Chalmers

Salem
28th January 1798—

Each Cutcherie is composed of Four Mokums or Regiments of the following Establishment when complete.

| | | Cam: Pays |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Ser Askur | per month of 40 Days | 40. |
| 4 Euppars at | | 25 |
| 8 Cuddars each at | | 16. |
| 16 Serkeils each at | | 10 |
| 32 Jemaudaurs | | 6. |
| 192 Privates | | 5.4 |
| 1 c. of Jutant | | 10. |
| 1 Persian ct Accountant | | 10. |
| 1 Mahratta Do | | 10. |
| 4 Trumpeters | | 5. |

360 Men and Officers in a complete Cutcherie.

One man is allowed to each Horse to provide grass. Each Risaldar must obtain his own Horse or pay the Grass Cutter for doing it.

There is an establishment of Public Servants attached to each Cutcherie and under the order of the Buckshee to provide Gram. Saddles. Head Ropes & Horse Shoes are furnished by contract at the rate of 2½ Canteraí Fanams for each Horse per month.

Their arms are Swords and Carbines — but without Pistols — The only restriction required in their Dress is that the Moguel and Patan casts must wear Red Turbands — and all the other Casts Sheiks, Syds Arabs &c must wear Green Turbands.

By the Particular Order of the Sultaun, to insure the men and Horses to long marches — every Corps has two Field Days in a Month, at each of which

they

Secret Department

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that by one of my people who left Seringapatam on the 24th Inst. I learn that the Sultany Velentkanai has been struck and carried into the Fort. — It remained fixed only, three days. —

The Marathas after this marched towards Sahadras from

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Your most obedient
humble Servant
C Malcolm

Vayloor
29th Jany 1790.

Report from Kingston
of 12th January 1798

Mr Allen from Captain
Maclarty 28 January 1798

Secret Department

My Lord

Annoyee, a Harcarrah who had been sent by Goculy to ascertain what foundation there may have been for the late rumour of Appa's intention to give up to the Mahrattas, returned; and reports that he left that place on the 20th of last month. That he understood cattle had at one time been assembling to remove the Guns and other Stores to Seringapatam — but that no Stores had actually been transported there (excepting 1000 Sir locks — It was generally credited that the Sultaun had at one contemplation to give up Goculy to the Mahrattas; but that report may have arisen from his ordering the Sick small Arms to be sent to Seringapatam. —

Here

Intelligence
from Major Dowden

No. not consequence to me
Copy to Dengel - Mysorabad
Permah -

three Cushoons having lately marched towards Mangalore.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordship's most obedient
faithful servant
William Kaulbach

Ollur
Selum
5th February 1793.

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c.

There are two Cushoons as a Garrison at Gooty - one in the upper and one in the lower Fort - and he meets a third Cushoon (other Boys) on its march thither for the purpose it was said of recruiting. - It had no Guns along with it.

He reports having returned by Seringapatam and that he left it on the 27th of last month. - That there is still a body of several Thousands of the Silladar (Irregular Cavalry) at Seringapatam for muster - And that it is said they are to get as Jahgeers the Districts of Chitteldroog, Ossore Dunkincotah &c. which border on Eastern Frontier in lieu of those they now hold, to the Northward and Westward of Seringapatam. -

And he confirms the former report of three

Navy Department

My Lord

The accompanying is the report of Mr. Marcarrah who left Sierra Leone on the 31st. of last month. He is a Master of that place, has been employed as a Harbarrah for the last eight years without committing any material mistake in his reports.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
faithful servant
William Marsden

Admiralty
7th February 1798

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The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

Intelligence
From Captain Macleod
5 January 1798

Capte Kirkpatrick
Hydrabad
& Poonah
16 February

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Report of Ramiah a Peccarah, who left Seringapatam on the 31st January 1799.

That he went by Bangalore - Savandroog - Colondroog Nagamungulum and Honore, and returned by Chinjestam Hingery - Bangalore, Master &c

The Sultaun's Wife, the Daughter of Syd Sahib was delivered of a son about the beginning of last month.

Tippo has lately introduced into his Infantry Corps, a new fashioned Turband - which is of the Turkish form - green with a red Tassel.

He designs to continue a Dam across the Cauvery at Gunnaadhy + for the purpose of watering cultivation - and to be a monument of his

+ Capt Charles Thos Lean Seringapatam

From Capt.n W. Macleod
9.th February 1798

with an Enclosure

Copy to Bengal
" — Hyderabad
" — Ismail
16 February

Peerzadah at that Place — It is believed he will set out from Seringapatam in the course of this month — and that he will be absent for six or eight Weeks on his Tour — Five Thousand Infantry are ordered to be in readiness to escort him —

He has ordered the pieces of the Iron Guns which were destroyed by the English Army, to be collected at Cannanwaddy and removed to the East Side of the Fort —

The Palace of the Hindoo Rajahs being unoccupied has been diligently searched by the Sultan's Brothers — and a considerable amount in Gold, Silver and precious Stones has been dug out of the ground floors &c &c —

Excepting the three Cushoons sent to Mangalore — and one to Goorg, no Detachments

+ of Cushoon Musselmans

his attention to agriculture. For the construction of this work a vast quantity of materials are already collected — and some of the Sultaun's Tents are at Cunnawaddy (not Pitchey) in consequence of his intention to be present at the laying of the foundation. From Cunnawaddy it is thought he will go to the Toonoor Tank, or choke Tulick, to give directions about the construction of a new Sluice to that Tank, which is to be called the Sultaun Toom and merely designed to perpetuate his name; having ordered to empty that great Tank by cutting its bank — in the idea that treasure may be found in the bottom of it. From Toonoor it is expected he will go to Periermurroo 60 miles North from Seringapatam, to visit a Chapaltman's Tomb and

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destroyed — there is no garrison — excepting a few Peons as a guard over the Palaces — the Pettah of Bangalore is about half as populous as it was before its capture in the year 1791 —

William Kirkpatrick

Selum
9th February 1793 —

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William Kirkpatrick

Selum
9th February 1793 –

has been made lately from Bangalore.—

The cloathing of the Silladar (Irregular Horse) had been nearly completed.— They had all returned to their respective stations except about 300.—

The Regular Horse still remain near the Bungaloore.—

A great number of Stone Cutters &c are employed in strengthening Savandroog— particularly the Work last Year where two new lines of very large Stones are partly erected— and in some places the accessable parts of the Rocks in advance of the lower line are cut into perpendicular precipices or artificial Walls.— A new Petah has been built near the spot where Colonel Stuarts Camp stood— consisting of about Five Hundred Houses— The Inhabitants of it are chiefly from Bangalore

In the fort of Bangalore which had been

destroyed

+ that which was started by our enemy —

In a letter from Captain
Mallet 7 Feby 1798

Have of any fresh Proofs —

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most Obed.

Humble Servant

G Washington

August 9th 1790

Head Department

My Lord

A Marcarrah who returned by the Pass of Cauveripooram reports his having left Seringapatam on the 6th instant – That on the 2nd three Battalions of Infantry and seven Guns crossed the South branch of the Cauvery below the Mysore Bridge – and marched in a Western direction: It was said they were to encamp on the South side of the Cannawaddy Ford – at which place the Sultan designs to construct a Dam across the River. – The Sultan himself followed the Infantry in the Evening of the 3rd his Tents having been previously sent thro' Cannawaddy Ford The Infantry (six or seven Thousand) will form his Escort during the present excursion, which it is thought

From the Commandant at
Royacottah
9 February 1778.

Copy to Bengal
Bysnabad
& Dinnah
16 February

P.S. The foregoing account partly confirms the report brought by a Barcarrah on the 8th ~~July~~ which mentioning an Escort being in readiness to attend the Sultaness on a Tour.—

William Eton

thought will take up five or six Weeks. In the course of which period it is believed one of the Daughters will be married to a man of high cast, native of the Country.

The body of Infantry remaining on the Island appears to be rather stronger than that which marched out with the Cattoon.

I have the honor to be
my Lord
with the greatest respect
Your Lordships very obedient
faithful Servant
William Clarke

Athens
14th February
1799

The Right Honorable
Lord Hobart
Governor &c

# END OF VOLUME

From Captain Williams
Macleod
14th February 1798

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